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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment claims 1-49 and 69-74 will be pending, of which claims 1 and 69 are independent.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 8-10, 14, 16-18, 24-25, 27-30, 32-40, 46-49 and 70-74 contain allowable subject matter.

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-3, 6-7, 13, 15 and 69 under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Johnson EP 1 032 159 A2. The Examiner rejects Claims 4-5, 11-12, 19-23, 26, 31 and 41-45 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Johnson teaches using mixing variables and key variables to encrypt data, wherein the mixing variables and the key variables each include the location of the next mixing variables and the next key variables, respectively. In contrast, Applicant's invention specifically teaches that data identifying "the location of the another decryption key is in a location other than as part of the encryption key." Therefore, Johnson's teaching of including the location of the next encryption key within the preceding encryption key is not same as identifying the location of the another decryption key at "a location other than as part of the encryption key". Accordingly, Johnson does not teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention and, hence, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 69 to more clearly define and set forth Applicant's invention. Thus, independent claims 1 and 69 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of Examiner's rejection of independent claims 1 and 69 and full allowance of same.

Claims 2-7, 11-13, 15, 19-23, 26, 31, and 41-45 depend from and further limit independent claim 1 and, hence are also in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant requests withdrawal of Examiner's rejection of claims 2-7, 11-13, 15, 19-23, 26, 31, and 41-45 and full allowance of same.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, and in view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone

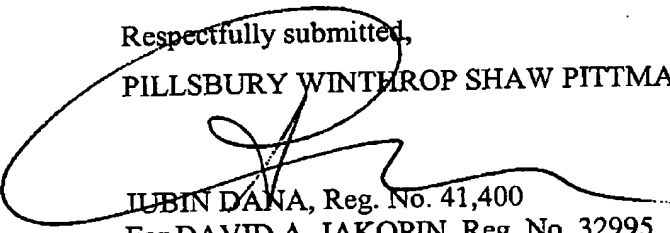
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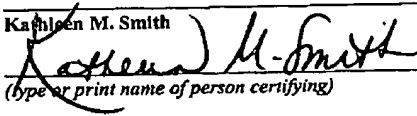
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